

## ANNUAL STATEMENT

For the year ending December 31, 1886, of the condition and affairs of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, located at Alma, organized under the laws of the State of Michigan and doing business in the counties of Gratiot and Isabella.

T. A. JOHNSON, President.

Secretary, Alma Mich.

MEMBERSHIP.

Number of Insured in Dec. 31, of previous year..... 1886  
Number of members added during the present year..... 100

TOTAL..... 1299

Deduct number of members cancelled during year..... 207

Number of members now belonging to Company..... 1092

RISKS.

Amt. of property at risk Dec. 31 of previous year..... \$1,355,323.00

Amt. of risks added during present year..... 124,068.00

TOTAL..... 1,480,051.00

Deduct risks cancelled, withdrawn or terminated..... 274,547.00

Net amount now at risk by Co..... \$1,205,504.00

RESOURCES.

Cash on hand..... \$1,221.05

Assessments of past yr., uncollected..... 1,156.00

Previous yrs..... 835.47

Total Available Resources..... \$1,354.92

LIABILITIES.

For losses due and payable..... \$8,822.75

Due or to become due for borrowed money..... 650.00

Total Liabilities..... 1,779.75

INCOME.

Cash collected on assessments levied during the year..... 84,921.51

In prior years..... 82,255

For membership or policy fees..... 283.75

From increased or decreased ins. from loan at bank..... 650.00

Total Cash Income..... 6,535.22

Add. cash balance at close of preceding year..... 66.65

Total Receipts and Income..... 6,601.86

EXPENSES.

Losses actually paid during the year (of which \$240 occurred in prior years)..... 4,566.90

Salaries and fees paid to officers and directors (total)..... 423.25

Fees retained or remitted to assured by agents..... 336.00

All other expenditures (total)..... 5,520.00

Total ex. actually pd. during yr. (FOURTH A.)..... 6,000.05

D. Reid, President and Treasurer, T. A. Johnson, Secy. and Adjustor, C. H. Morse, Director, Wm. Long, G. S. Miller, J. J. Soder, W. E. Preston, Total Sched. A..... 8,100.00

SCHEDULE B.

Cash paid, interest and discount, Postage and stationery, Printing, etc., for office, M. Johnson, spec. service, Astoriation, Rent, half and other..... 380.00

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

1 One assessment made during the year.

2 Amount of assessments \$6,601.86.

3 Total amount of assessment on property insured of one member.

4 Assessments are made yearly.

5 Assessments made to cover losses and expenses only.

6 Company pays three-fourths of actual loss or damages.

State of Michigan, county of Gratiot & Isabella, president and T. A. Johnson, secretary of the Company do and each for himself doth depose and say that they have read the foregoing statement, and know the contents thereof and that have good reason to believe and do believe said statement to be true.

T. A. JOHNSON, President.

Sworn one hundred and twelve instant Alma, in said state and county this 1st day of Jan'y 1887.

ALMON YERKING,

Justice of the Peace, Gratiot County, Mich.

## What Our Brothers Say.

We thank our brother editors for their kind notices, but if they had used the word manager instead of partner they would have hit the truth more exactly.

Miss Fleming, editor of the Alma Record, has taken unto herself a partner in business. That is her business has grown to such an extent that she found the duties connected with the office too burdensome and she was obliged to take as a partner C. F. Brown. There is no use of saying a woman can't do business without a man. May the new firm prosper.—Read City Chrs.

Miss Fleming, the bright proprietress of the Alma Record, has recognized that it is not good for a newspaper woman to be alone, and has associated with herself C. F. Brown as a business partner.—Grand Rapids Daily.

Miss M. Fleming, editor of the Alma Record, will take unto her new partner about Jan. 10. Her name is Mrs. F. Brown. Prospects are good.—Read City Chrs.

Mr. C. F. Brown, of the Grand Rapids News, will place his new spade into other hands and assume the management of the Alma Record on Monday next. The business of the Record has grown to such magnitude that he requires the services of one partner who can take up other than the personal side of the educational work. I say the Record still flourish, and its business demands a second manager.—Stanton Daily.

A woman was both red and distressed when she took off her miners' pins from her apple pie, and was anxious to make them right. After careful consideration she stamped them with the letters "B." and "M." (mine and "T. M." (mine). With this aid and careful examination she was ever afterwards able to tell which was which.—Ex. This reminds us of the Irishman who was troubled to distinguish between the end boards of his wagon, often getting them transposed. One day he painted upon each a large letter "B" and upon being asked what the two "B's" stood for answered: "Be jebbers I have it now! Faith, an' don't one B stand for the board that goes before and the other for the one that goes behind?"

## ELWELL.

Very cold weather now in this burg and slighting never better.

Rev. Mr. Green, from Forest Hill, and Rev. Mr. Vivian, from Vestaburg, are holding meetings and giving lectures here this week. One was given on Astronomy one evening and another on Geology will be delivered some evening soon.

Mrs. Dick Phelps is in quite poor health.

Ina Grant returned from Ohio last week, where she has been making an extended visit.

Mrs. Colvin Fisher is very ill with not much hope of recovery.

Mr. Clinton Nelson had a horse drop dead in the harness one day last week. His death was caused by the breaking of a blood vessel. It is a very unfortunate occurrence, especially at this season when teams are in such good demand.

We have two mills running here now—a saw mill and a heading mill.

Charley Davis and wife from Alma are visiting Mrs. Davis' father, Isaac Vought, this week.

A Miraculous Escape from the Grave.

I have been in poor health with a disengaged stomach and liver, causing a canted month continually for ten years. I kept about my house until a year ago last June. For three years prior to that time I had a severe pain in the region of my heart, at times seeming past endurance. It affected my shoulder, took strength from my arm, could get no relief only by prodding. My stomach being so diseased, my food caused me great distress. My age also seemed to be in the way of my recovery, and not the least of my sickness. I employed the very best of medical assistance I could get while in Cora, this state, but little encouragement could I get. Was moved to Vassar Oct. 1, 1885, on a bed, giving me every ten minutes a teaspoonful of brandy and ice with only a tea-spoonful of nourishment at a time. I commenced bloating soon after arriving here, had every appearance of dropsy. We called our Cora physician here, and he said my condition was worse than when in Cora. On the 27th day of May last we called a council of doctors from Vassar, "three in number." All of them pronounced my case incurable. I had with the rest inflammation of the bowels, and I lay almost lifeless, and one of the leading physicians said if I could be restored to a sane mind again it would be all my husband might expect, and anything that would soothe me was all that could be done. My husband got me some medicine at Johnson & Williamson's, druggists at Vassar, and commenced giving it to me, and in three weeks' time they began to put me in an easy chair, for a short time each day, at which time I had no use of my lower limbs and my back was numb; it was a little more than two months before I could walk without crutches. I am now a well woman, have walked one and a half miles within a month, can eat all kinds of food and enjoy it, have gained from 52 lbs. since last May to 116 now. Could say more of my sickness, but deadly prevents. I want to say to my friends that Hubbard's Rheumatic Syrup and Plasters are the medicines that cured me. I used four plasters with the first, five bottles; have used ten bottles in all and am well. If anyone who reads this has any doubt as to the authenticity of my statement, it will afford me pleasure to exhibit to my neighbors all about here, as they are all astonished at my recovery. It is a great family remedy.

Very truly,

Mrs. CHARLES G. VOUTH,

Ypsilanti, Mich. On 21, 1887.

This is to certify that I have known Mrs. George since she came to Vassar and know the facts set forth in her statement above to be true.

GEO. E. WILLIAMSON,

Of the firm of Johnson & Williamson, Druggists, Vassar, Mich.

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